



PATENT APPLICATION

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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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Group Art Unit: 3629

Application No.: 09/822,349

Examiner: J. A. MOONEYHAM

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Docket No.: 108198

For: TRAVEL INFORMATION PROVIDED CENTER, TRAVEL INFORMATION
PROVIDED TERMINAL, AND TRAVEL INFORMATION PROVIDED SYSTEM

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In reply to the September 27, 2004 Office Action, reconsideration is requested in light of the following remarks.

Claims 1-21 are pending in this application. Reconsideration in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

I. Information Disclosure Statement

Applicant appreciates the Examiner initializing the Form PTO-1449 with references cited. However, the Examiner has not yet initialed document no. 1 from the April 2, 2001 Information Disclosure Statement (IDS). That is, 09/593,542 to Seikiyama has not yet been initialed. The Examiner is respectfully requested to initial the Form PTO-1449 form in the next PTO correspondence.

II. The Claims Define Patentable Subject Matter

Claims 1-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,948,040 to DeLorme et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The applied art does not teach, disclose or even suggest a memory that stores information on registered members, an interface that receives a member ID and a controller that confirms the member based on the ID and prepares travel information based on the information regarding the registered member stored in the memory upon confirmation that the member is registered, as claimed in claim 1 and similarly claimed in claims 11, 18, 19, 20 and 21. Nor does the applied art disclose an input device through which a user inputs a member ID and a controller that provides detailed information on a vicinity of the information providing terminal upon confirmation that the user is a registered member based on the input member ID, as claimed in claim 13.

In contrast, DeLorme discloses a system (TRIPS) that allows a user to access the system by using the user's code, the system prepares travel plans in response to user input inquiries. Please see column 16, lines 60-65 in DeLorme. Namely, a user engages in an interactive planning process, revising or editing travel plans, previewing travelogs of alternate routes, selecting point of interest parameters, comparing times and costs of transportation options, in order to achieve a satisfactory travel plan. Please see the abstract in DeLorme.

DeLorme has an object to provide a system that permits a user to custom-define and examine a travel route and/or plans based upon answers to questions, WHERE?, WHEN? and HOW? Please see column 6, lines 56-60. That is, DeLorme prepares travel plans by answering particular questions.

Hence, DeLorme does not disclose or suggest a feature that travel information matching a user is prepared based on the information on registered members, which is stored in memory, without inputting particular inquiries (answering to particular questions).

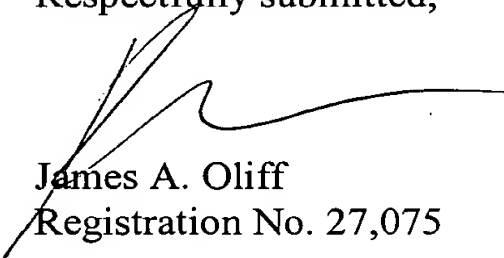
Accordingly, the applied art does not teach, disclose or suggest the recited features of the independent claims. Withdrawal of the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) is respectfully solicited.

III. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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